BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Commissioner of Political Practices v. Western Tradition Partnership and all Others So Involved

No. COPP-2010-CFP-30

A Companion Complaint to

Madin v. Sales

No. COPP-2010-CFP-29

COMPLAINT

This Matter is a companion complaint to complaint No. COPP-2010-CFP-29. The COPP-2010-CFP-29 Matter will address issues comparable to those addressed by the following investigations and Decisions: *Bonogofsky v.Kennedy*, COPP 2010-CFP-015; *Washburn v. Murray*, COPP 2010-CFP-019; *Ward v. Miller*, COPP 2010-CFP-021; *Bonogofsky v. Boniek*, COPP-2010-CFP-027; and *Clark v. Bannan*, COPP 2010-CFP-023.

Each of the above Decisions determined actions and evidence related to coordination and corporate contribution issues involving a 2010 legislative candidate and was accompanied by companion Decisions involving other persons and entities. Under the investigative authority of Title 13, including \$13-37-111(2)(a) MCA, the Commissioner opens this Complaint as a means to discuss and Decide the companion campaign practice actions of entities and

individuals who may be involved with coordination and other actions, if any, taken by Candidate Sales in the Matter of *Madin v. Sales*, No. COPP-2010-CFP-29. Western Tradition Partnership is specifically named because sufficient evidence was found to determine its actions as a companion campaign practice violation to sufficiency Decisions reached in each of the above listed Matters.

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